





## HOCKOMOCK SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Easton/Bridgewater/Raynham/West Bridgewater/Taunton/Norton)

Note: Due to its size, this area is presented on two separate maps.

**GENERAL:** 

Numerous large and small parcels totalling 4,839 acres, including the 450-acre Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Area Section. The majority of the acreage is vegetated wetland. There are some islands of dry ground. U.S.G.S. Quads: Brockton, Taunton

**VEGETATION:** 

The wetland vegetation is extremely variable. Marsh grasses and cattails dominate some areas, while other areas are better defined as shrub swamp, maple swamp or cedar swamp. The upland vegetation ranges from open farmland at the Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Area Section, to mixed stands of hardwood trees, pine and hemlock.

WATER:

The Harry C. Darling Wildlife Management Section abuts 354-acre Lake Nippenicket and the 21-acre Nunket's Pond. Canoeable rivers in the Wildlife Management Area include:

- 1) The Hockomock River flowing from from Route 106 to the Town River.
- The Town River flowing from Lake Nippenicket to War Memorial Park in West Bridgewater.
- The Snake River flowing from Winnecunnet Pond in Norton to Lake Sabbatia in Taunton.

WILDLIFE:

Aquatic furbearers, raccoon, fox, coyote, deer, rabbit, squirrel, and waterfowl. This area is rich in nongame species including plants, reptiles, wading and song birds. The Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Section is the only portion of the area which is stocked with pheasant.

**SPECIAL** 

**REGULATIONS:** 

Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters on the Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Section during the pheasant/quail season.